

June 19, 1942.

Mr. John F. Collins,  
215 Montague St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Collins:

I thought first I would visit you to make this request, but decided after that if I wrote a letter it would give you a little time to think it over before arriving at your decision. You can almost guess that it is a request for rental of Ebbets Field. This time the Newark Eagles and the Homestead Grays, the Negro National League Champions, who feature the great Colored Star, Josh Gibson, would like to play a doubleheader on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th.

I know, of course, that you people are not anxious to rent the ball park, and I also know that it would not make any difference who came there or how long they stayed, the Dodgers would not lose any of their appeal. I will certainly appreciate it if you would be persuaded to rent us this date, as it is very important to have good spots in which to play on the holidays.

If you do let us have the Park I promise you we will work very hard promoting the game, so that the Park rent would be a sizeable amount. I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, so that we can get busy outlining our plans.

I hope you are enjoying good health, and am very happy to read of the continued success of the Ball Club.

Very truly yours,

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